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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the references listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other possible material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a) exists.

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